

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1022

Introduced by: Representative Kloucek

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging revision of the Federal Freedom to Farm Act.

2 WHEREAS, federal Freedom to Farm legislation which passed in 1996, has failed miserably  
3 to provide a safety net for farm income; and

4 WHEREAS, resulting overproduction of South Dakota commodities has led to prices far  
5 below the cost of production for South Dakota's family farmers; and

6 WHEREAS, increased export volume since 1996 has not led to higher prices for South  
7 Dakota farm products; and

8 WHEREAS, emergency bailout packages in 1998, 1999, and 2000 have not and will not fix  
9 a failed farm policy:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
11 sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
12 Dakota Legislature urges the United States Congress to immediately change the Freedom to  
13 Farm law by raising commodity loan rates, reinstituting a farmer-controlled reserve, and  
14 providing discretion for conservation-driven land idling incentives in times of oversupply, while  
15 retaining planting flexibility provisions in the commodity programs; and

1       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that United States farm policy benefits should be directed  
2   to family-sized farms, and loopholes allowing enormous payments to mega-farms should be  
3   eliminated.